



USO of Hampton Roads

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OPERATION HOLIDAY SPIRIT PROGRAM

2008 Donor Application Form

Note: We cannot guarantee the service branch of adopted family.

Complete and fax to: 757-788-3713 — Attn: Eva Granville, or email to USOHR@usohr.org

Please Print:

Name of Organization/Individuals: _____

Point of Contact Name: (1) _____

(2) _____

Phone Number (1): _____ Fax Number: _____

Phone Number (2): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address of Organization: _____
Individual _____

How many families are you willing to adopt? _____

How big a family (includes parents): 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 or more _____

Comments: _____

Operation Holiday Spirit Program Summary

"Operation Holiday Spirit" is a program in which local individuals or organizations "adopt" a military family who is having a rough time financially. Many of these families have deployed members overseas and/or are lower ranking enlisted members with unique problems. Adopting organizations or individuals purchase food and gifts for the family so they can have a happy holiday season.

Here is how the program works:

1. A military family in need is identified by their Command or other agency and the USO of HR collects their information (number in family, wish list, etc...) Note: Most of the families aren't referred until the first week of December.
2. We then notify the donor(s) and pass along the family's information. We ask that each family receive a holiday dinner -either purchased items or a supermarket gift certificate. We also pass on the family's gift "wish" list to our adopting organization/individual. Note: The family's wish list is just a guideline; you are not obligated to purchase anything on the list. The family is always grateful for any generosity shown to them. The average organization spends \$35-\$75 per family member.
3. The donor purchases the items for the family and delivers them to our distribution point at a pre-determined date (18 December at the AMC Terminal in Norfolk). Directions and guidance will be provided as the date nears.
4. The adopted families come to the distribution point the next day and pick up the items.
5. We encourage our adopted families to write to the donating organizational/individual and let them know how much your kindness meant to them.
6. Please note that due to confidentiality laws we cannot give you the family's full name. However; in the past most of our adopted families have written letters of thanks to their adopters.
7. Questions about the program can be answered by calling Eva Granville at 757-289-5917 or Mike Granville at 757 289-5922 or via email: usohr@usohr.org